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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AVIATION FUEL SITUATION IN ITALY

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DEPT AND BRUSSELS FOR FAA

1. ON JANUARY 29 THREE (3) US REGISTERED PRIVATE AIRCRAFT
WERE REFUSED FUEL AT ROME/CIAMPINO AIRPORT BY AIRPORT AUTHORITIES
ON BASIS OF NOTAM DESCRIBED REFTEL. AFTER EMBASSY INTERVENTION,
CIVILAVIA AUTHORIZED REFUELING, OVERRULING CIAMPINO AUTHORITIES'
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INTERPRETATION OF NOTAM.

2. EMBOFF AND PARIS FAA REP O'NEILL DISCUSSED THIS MATTER JANUARY 30 WITH APPROPRIATE CIVILAVIA REPS IN EFFORT CLARIFY SITUATION. GOI REGULATIONS CURRENTLY PROHIBIT REFUELING OF FOREIGN AIRCRAFT MAKING TECHNICAL STOPS IN ITALY, EXCEPT FOR COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT MAKING AUTHORIZED STOPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SEASONAL SCHEDULES. FOREIGN AIRCRAFT MAKING OPERATIONAL STOPS MAY REFUEL. CIVILAVIA CONSIDERS STOP TO PICK UP/DISCHARGE PASSENGERS OR CARGO AS OPERATIONAL STOP, EVEN FOR PRIVATE NON-COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. IF PILOT OF PRIVATE NON-COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT CONDUCTS BUSINESS IN CITY DURING STOP, CIVILAVIA ALSO CONSIDERS THIS AN OPERATIONAL STOP. IT THEREFORE, HIGHLY IMPORTANT THAT PILOTS OF US REGISTERED PRIVATE AIRCRAFT, WHEN STOPPING TO PICK UP/DISCHARGE PASSENGERS OR CARGO OR TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN ADJACENT CITY DO NOT RPT NOT DESCRIBE STOP AS "TECHNICAL" LEST REFUELING BE DENIED.

3. ONE PROBLEM REMAINS UNRESOLVED AND HAS BEEN REFERRED TO HIGHEST LEVELS WITHIN MINISTRY TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION FOR DECISION. UNDER CURRENT REGULATIONS A PRIVATE FOREIGN AIRCRAFT TRANSITING ITALY MAY NOT BE REFUELED DURING TECHNICAL STOP EVEN IF SUCH STOP NECESSARY BECAUSE LIMITED RANGE PRECLUDES NONSTOP TRIP. CIVILAVIA HAS ASKED THAT REFUELING IN SUCH CASES BE PERMITTED WHEN FLIGHT PLAN IS APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY APPROPRIATE AUTHORTIES. CIVILAVIA CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT IT MAY BE A CONSIDERABLE TIME BEFORE DECISION REACHED AS ITALIAN BUREAUCRACY GRINDS SLOWLY ON SUCH MATTERS.

4. EMBASSY REMINDS ADDRESSEES THAT OPERATION OF PRIVATE (I.E., NON COMMERCIAL) AIRCRAFT IS CURRENTLY PROHIBITED IN ITALY ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS DUE TO FUEL SITUATION. (AIR TAXI SERVICE IS CONSIDERED "COMMERCIAL"). SOME FOREIGN PILOTS HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED AND FINED FOR FAILURE TO OBSERVE THIS REGULATION. VOLPE

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